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SUBJ: GOC PROTESTS DENKTASH THREAT TO RESETTLE NEW FAMAGUSTA
(VAROSHA)

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SUMMARY: GOC SAYS IT WILL BREAK OFF CYPRUS NEGOTIATION IF TURKS
ACT ON DENKTASH THREAT TO RESETTLE VAROSHA. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES ASKED ME TO CALL JULY 9 TO RECEIVE

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FOLLOWING TALKING PAPER WHICH HE SAID WAS ALSO BEING CONVEYED

TO OTHER PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. CHRISTOPHIDES ASKED THAT USG CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DISSUADE DENKTASH AND GOT FROM RESETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD END ALL PROSPECTS OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

2. QUOTE: ON TUESDAY THE 29TH JUNE 1976 IN A SPEECH AT LEFKA MR. RAUF DENKTASH SAID: INNER QUOTE THE WORLD IS OBLIGED TO LISTEN TO US. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT SEIZED ANY LAND FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE FREED THEIR OWN LAND. FOR US, TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS MEAN ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR FRONTIERS. IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS EXPECT THAT FAMAGUSTA WILL BE GIVEN BACK, THEY ARE MAKING A MISTAKE. WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH A GIFT TO GIVE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. END INNER QUOTE. ON THE 2ND JULY 1976 MR. DENKTASH HAD STATED TO REPORTERS THE FOLLOWING. THIS STATEMENT WAS BROADCASTED BY THE CLANDESTINE RADIO "BAYRAD" AND ALSO APPEARED IN THE NEWS BULLETIN (TURKISH) OF 3.7.1976. INNER QUOTE MR. DENKTASH HAD MADE IT CLEAR AT THE SECOND ROUND OF THE VIENNA TALKS THAT THE TERRITORIES SETTLED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT BE RETURNED. END INNER QUOTE. HE SAID INNER QUOTE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE HAD NEVER CONTEMPLATED A FORM OF SETTLEMENT SUCH AS THE RETURN OF VAROSHA, AND ITS LEADERSHIP WAS NEVER AUTHORIZED TO REACH SUCH A SOLUTION. END INNER QUOTE. HE ADDED THAT INNER QUOTE THERE ARE MANY TURKISH CYPRIOT DISPLACED PERSONS STILL UNSETTLED AND IT IS HIGH TIME FOR PART OF VAROSHA TO BE OPENED TO SETTLEMENT. END INNER QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN CASE THE TURKISH SIDE PROCEEDS WITH ITS PLANS TO SETTLE TURKS IN VAROSHA, THAT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SINCE THE SUBJECT-MATTER OF THE TALKS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED. END QUOTE.

3. I PROMISED CHRISTOPHIDES I WOULD CONVEY GOC'S CONCERN AND REQUEST TO MY GOVERNMENT. I SAID I SHARED HIS CONCERN FOR THREE ADDITIONAL REASONS. FIRST, LOOKING AT CYPRUS DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1974, IT APPEARED THAT DENKTASH HAD ALMOST ALWAYS ACTED ON THREATS CONTAINED IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ALBEIT SOMETIMES LATER THAN SOONER AND IN PART RATHER THAN WHOLE. SECOND, WHILE I UNDERSTOOD THERE TO BE SOME ELEMENT OF POSTURING, DENKTASH HIMSELF HAD TOLD ME AT LEAST THREE MONTHS

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AGO THAT HE WANTED TO RESETTLE VAROSHA, MAINLAND MILITARY WERE OPPOSED TO ANY GREEK RETURN TO THE CITY, AND ONLY THE GOT'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WAS HOLDING TURKISH RESETTLEMENT IN ABEYANCE. THIRD, EMBASSY HAD LEARNED IN THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS THAT PRESSURES FROM HIS COMMUNITY WERE BUILDING ON DENKTASH TO FREE MORE URBAN HOUSING FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO HAD MOVED UP FROM THE SOUTH.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE A QUIET, CAUTIONARY WORD TO GOT SUGGESTING THAT IT EXERCISE INFLUENCE TO DISSUADE DENKTASH FROM ACTING ON HIS THREAT WOULD SEEM IN ORDER, FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING NEGOTIATION. GOC'S MAIN POINT IN THIS DEMARCHE IS VALID. FROM THE GREEK POINT OF VIEW, WITHOUT VAROSHA AS A POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL CONCESSION, THERE WOULD REALLY BE LITTLE ELSE WORTH DISCUSSING. I WILL BE SEEING DENKTASH TWICE IN THE COMING WEEK AND WILL MAKE THE POINT TO HIM ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

5. DEPT'S INSTRUCTION TO ANKARA (STATE 169643) WAS RECEIVED HERE AFTER CHRISTOPHIDES' PRESENTATION AND DRAFTING OF THIS TELEGRAM. I WILL DRAW ON IT IN TALKING TO DENKTASH.
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